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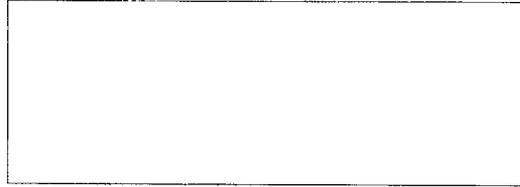
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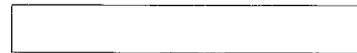
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Intelligence Information Special Report

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SUBJECT

Directive on the Organization and Functions
of the Polish Armed Forces Command System in Wartime

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SUMMARY:

This report is a translation from the Polish of a draft directive of the Polish Minister of National Defense on "The Organization and Functions of the Wartime Command System in the Armed Forces of the Polish People's Republic". The original document was classified SECRET OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. This report describes the channels of command to be used in times of emergency and in wartime, including instructions for communication with the armed forces of the USSR, Czechoslovakia and East Germany. It is noteworthy that the report is signed by Minister of National Defense Wojciech Jaruzelski with the rank of General of the Army which appears to be a new four-star-general rank for the Polish Armed Forces.

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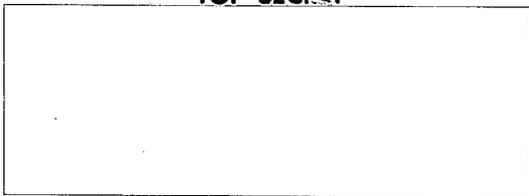
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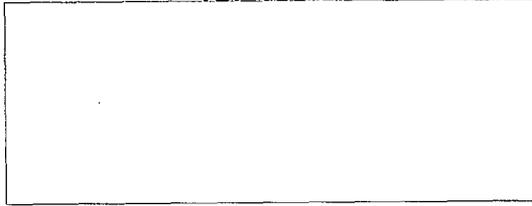
CGK RW	Central Group for Troop Movement Control
CSD	Central Command Post
FO	Ship Flotilla ("Flotilla Afloat")
FOW	Coastal Defense Flotilla
KOK	National Defense Committee
KOPK	National Air Defense Corps
MON	Ministry of National Defense
MW	Navy
OC	Civil Defense
OPK	National Air Defense
OPL	Antiaircraft Defense
OTK	National Territorial Defense
OW	Military District



PED	Airborne Command Element
PlSD	Combined Command Post (Air Defense)
POW	Pomeranian Military District
PSD	Auxiliary Command Post
RGO	Mobile Operational Group
SD	Command Post
SK	Control Post (for State Party Control)
WOPK	National Air Defense Forces
WSD	Forward Command Post
WSzW	Provincial Military Staff
ZCSD	Alternate Central Command Post
ZFB	Combined Baltic Fleet
ZSZ	Combined Armed Forces (of Warsaw Pact)

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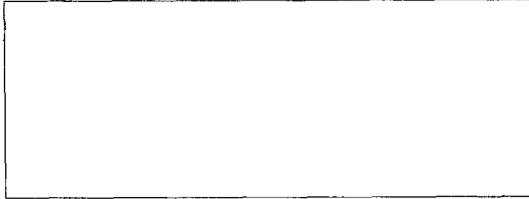
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On the Organization and Functions
of the Wartime Command System in the
Armed Forces of the Polish People's Republic

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ONE

1. The wartime command system of the Armed Forces of the Polish People's Republic* constitutes an integral part of the management system for the defense of the state. It is formed and developed with the objective of providing efficient command over the domestic troop structure and over forces assigned to coalition operations on the external front, both during a period of imminent danger, and in war.

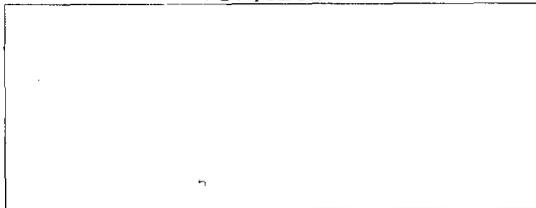
2. The wartime system provides skillful, secure, uninterrupted, active and reliable direction in:

- a. Detecting activities of a potential opponent, preventing him from carrying out successful reconnaissance-diversionary activities, and forewarning the nation and the armed forces of a threat;
- b. Attaining higher stages of combat readiness;
- c. The strategic-operational buildup of the armed forces, the disposition of troops on the external front, and their organized integration into the operations of the Combined Armed Forces;
- d. Regrouping our own and allied forces throughout the home territory, with due consideration to the need for dispersing the population and material and cultural wealth;
- e. Applying an aggregate of measures to assure the prevention of surprise strikes by the enemy, or to provide advance knowledge of them;

*Hereinafter referred to as the "wartime command system".

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f. The interdiction of enemy strikes from the air, ground, and sea with the full application of all forces and means;

g. The whole range of combat activities to be carried out by forces on the domestic front, and by forces on the external front, within limits defined in interallied agreements;

h. The defense and protection of particularly valuable installations, and the repair of damage caused by enemy strikes against home territory and troops through the employment of civil defense forces and means;

i. The collaboration, within the armed forces, with state and regional agencies of government and national administration, the Combined Armed Forces Command, and with General (Main) Staffs of neighboring allied forces, and

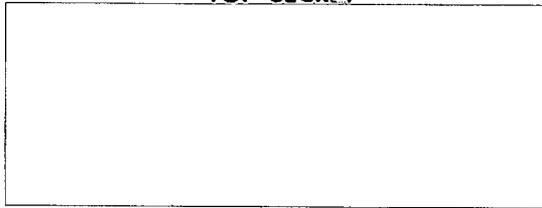
j. Providing comprehensive support for troop requirements, and especially the readying of human and materiel reserves and their use as replacements for the armed forces.

3. The essence of the wartime command system organization is to be found in a functional breakdown tailored to missions to be carried out on the basis of two general manpower categories--the National Territorial Defense Forces (OTK), and operational forces.

National Territorial Defense Forces operating on the internal front include the personnel and equipment: of national air defense assigned to participate in a homogeneous coalitional air defense system; of the military districts, and of internal defense--and other units, subordinate to central authority, assigned to protect control and command posts.

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The Navy is to assure, with a part of its forces and the participation of the Pomeranian Military District, within the system of national territorial defense, the direct defense of the coastal area and the protection of the country's maritime borders; the other part of its forces is to participate in coalition operations within the framework of interallied naval forces (the Combined Baltic Fleet).

The operational forces to be assigned to coalition operations on the external front are to be formed into a higher-echelon large operational unit (front), consisting of combined arms armies, an air army, and independent front units.

In addition, the following practices are instituted:

- a. The temporary participation of air army units, and certain other units of front antiaircraft defense in the unified system of national air defense; the performance of missions by national air defense forces on behalf of operational forces, and the interchange of certain units between the national air defense forces and the air army;
 - b. The provisional use, in the interest of national territorial defense, of operational troops stationed within the internal area, and the similar commitment of national territorial defense force units to needs of the operational forces; and
 - c. A common system of personnel replacements and supply for the two functional categories of the armed forces.
4. The transition of the comprehensive peacetime organizational structure of the armed forces, which has been

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under constant refinement, to the wartime command system requires the following:

a. The formation of the Front Command out of the Inspectorate of Training and components detached from other central institutions of the Ministry of National Defense. The remaining training components in these institutions are to be formed into a Troop Combat Training Directorate which is to be attached to the General Staff of the Armed Forces;

b. The retention, in wartime, under subordination to the Secretary of the National Defense Committee, of the Chief of Civil Defense (OC), the Secretariat of the National Defense Committee (KOK), and the Civil Defense Inspectorate;

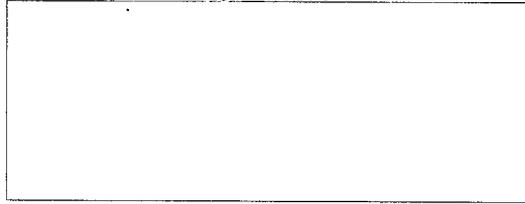
c. The inclusion of central institutions of the Ministry of National Defense in the organization of the Ministry of National Defense command posts and the Front Command; on the other hand, a part of the regular cadre, which is to remain unaffected by mobilizational assignments, will constitute a personnel reserve for the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces;

d. The detachment of the commands of combined arms armies and wartime military districts from military district commands. After the detachment of the air army command from the Air Forces Command, the latter is to be reorganized into an Air Forces Headquarters, which is then to be transferred to subordination under the General Staff of the Armed Forces; and

e. The retention of the National Air Defense Forces and Navy commands in their existing organizational structures. ✓

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TWO

1. The Minister of National Defense is the commander of the Armed Forces of the Polish People's Republic. The command function proceeds through basic relationships: the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces; the commands of military districts, the National Air Defense Forces, the Air Force, the Navy, and the Internal Defense Forces; the commands of tactical large units and provincial military staff; units and county military staffs. Up to the time of their commitment to subordination under the commander of the front and the armies, the operational forces of the external front are subordinated to commanders of military districts.

After the transfer to a higher coalition organ of the operational command function over forces designated for assignment to the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact member-states, the Minister of National Defense retains direct control in his relationship to such forces chiefly in areas of party-political work, organization and replacements, cadre matters, and materiel-technical support.

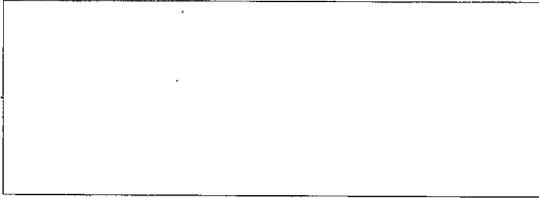
2. The basic organ of the Minister of National Defense in the central coordination of strategic defense and operational troop command planning is the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces.

3. The principal instruments of the Minister of National Defense for the exercise of specialized command functions are the Main Political Directorate of the Armed Forces, the Chief Quartermaster of the Armed Forces, institutions subordinate to the Chief Technical Inspector of the Armed Forces, the Cadre Department, the Headquarters of the Military Internal Service, and the remaining central institutions of the Ministry of National Defense, as determined by their areas of responsibility for a wartime contingency.

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4. The commanders of military districts, the National Air Defense Forces, and the Navy, at the operational level of the national territorial defense system, are the exclusive agencies of command with jurisdiction over the sum total of forces operating in the system (in the Pomeranian Military District this includes detached border guard troops) with the exception of units under central authority.

5. The chiefs of provincial military staffs exercise direction, within the entire range of territorial defense functions, on behalf of the commander of the military district and, on the basis of his determinations, control the operational use of subordinate national territorial defense troops, of other units not reserved for the exclusive disposition of the military district commander, and also of the activities of designated military garrisons.

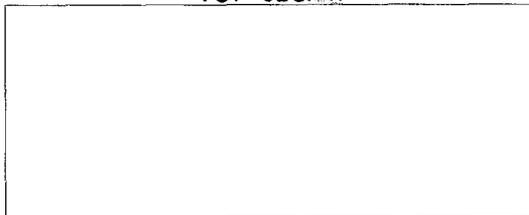
6. Designated units of the Internal Defense Forces and the Group of Security Units of the Ministry of National Defense perform functions assigned to them in protecting National Defense Committee control posts and Ministry of National Defense command posts.

THREE

1. In a unified, wartime system, command of the armed forces is to be carried out in the national territorial defense forces from fixed command posts and in the operational forces from field command posts.

On the central level, as well as in military districts and within branches of the armed forces, two fixed command posts each are to be organized: Command Posts No. 1 (SD-1), located in sites of permanent deployment of the Ministry of National Defense central institutions and of operational

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commands, or in their proximity, from which command is to be exercised during periods of threat, or war, as long as this is possible or expedient; and, Command Posts No. 2 (SD-2), to be situated beyond areas of permanent deployment. When fully structured, both command posts are to be provided with command capabilities for the full range of missions.

The command post structure of the central echelon and of military districts are to include Airborne Command Elements (PED), and, in the event of need to carry out emergency missions, Mobile Operational Groups (RGO), but solely within the national territorial defense forces.

Fixed command posts of the central and operational echelons are to be established in adequately reinforced installations and equipped with radio and mobile facilities, providing them with a command capability in the event the fixed communications system is destroyed.

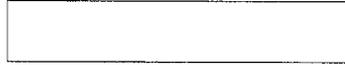
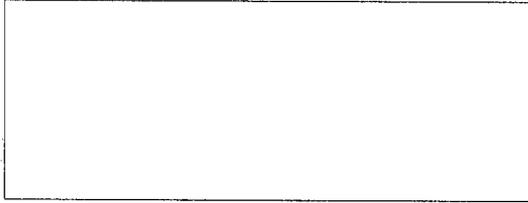
Field-type shelters are to be prepared within home territory for front and army command posts, serving to prolong the effective life of key command post components.

2. On the central Ministry of National Defense level:

a. Command Post No. 1 (SD-1 MON) and Command Post No. 2 (SD-2 MON) are to be organized;

b. The structure of the Ministry of National Defense command post, from which command is to be exercised for a given period of time, should provide for the participation of representatives from the Combined Armed Forces Staff of the member-states of the Warsaw Pact and of the civil defense staff;

A Ministry of National Defense operational control group is to be detailed from the Ministry command post to the control post of the central state authorities.



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The Central Group of Troop Movement Control (CGK RW) is to be deployed in the zone of the Ministry of National Defense command post.

c. Ministry of National Defense Command Posts No. 1 and No. 2 are to be supplied with wire and radio communications and radio-relay links in designated directions, with both open and secure, direct and alternate channels: between themselves; with Control Post 1 (SK-1) and Control Post 2 (SK-2); with the main SD of the Combined Armed Forces and their SD for the Western Theater of Military Operations; with command installations of the defense authorities of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the German Democratic Republic, and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic; with command installations of the front, the armies, military districts, and branches of the armed forces; and with provincial military staffs (WSzW).

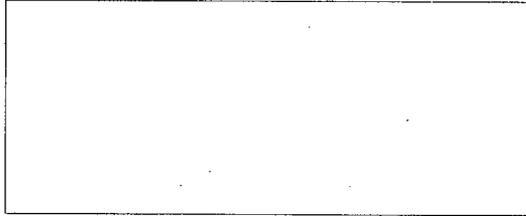
3. In military districts:

a. To be organized: Military District Command Posts No. 1 and No. 2 (SD-1 OW and SD-2 OW);

In the Pomeranian Military District, in the event of need, an Auxiliary Command Post (PSD) is to be deployed temporarily out of the structure of the command post, on the axis of a threat, to direct the defense of the coastal area and to combat amphibious assaults.

b. The structure of military district command posts, from which command is to be exercised for a given period of time, should provide for the presence of representatives from the central state authorities (controlling officers); from the national air defense corps responsible for the area; from domestic and allied forces regrouping through the Military District area of responsibility; and, in addition, in the Pomeranian Military District, from the Navy;

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c. Command Posts Nos. 1 and 2 OW are to be supplied with wire* and radio communications, both open and secure, with direct and alternate channels: between themselves, with Provincial Military Staffs of the military district concerned, with subordinate units, with command posts of both domestic and allied neighboring military districts, with the command post of the appropriate national air defense corps, and, in the Pomeranian Military District, with Naval command installations.

4. In the National Air Defense Forces:

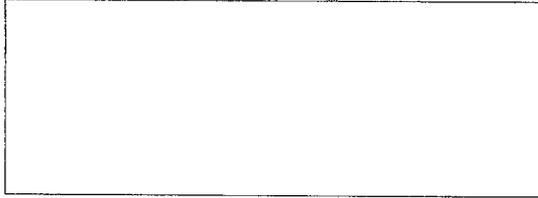
a. To be organized: a Central Command Post and an Alternate Central Command Post of the National Air Defense Forces (CSD WOPK and ZCSD WOPK**), Command Posts No. 1 and No. 2 for the various National Air Defense Corps (SD-1's and SD-2's KOPK), and Joint Command Posts at the tactical level of national air defense (PISD);

b. The structure of National Air Defense Forces command posts, from which command is to be exercised during a given period of time, should provide for the participation of representatives (controlling officers), at CSD or ZCSD-WOPK: from the Combined Armed Forces Command and, up to the time of the detachment of the air army--of the Air Forces Command; and, at SD-2 KOPK--from the Naval Command;

*With the use of the Ministry of Communications network.

**This usage will continue in the interest of preserving present nomenclature for command posts of the National Air Defense Forces, (especially within the framework of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact, [ZSZUW]), since it is identical with the concept of Command Post No. 1 (SD-1) and Command Post No. 2 (SD-2).

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c. National air defense command posts are to be provided with wire communications, both open and secure radio relay links, and direct and alternate channels between the CSD and ZCSD WOPK; with the CSD and PSD of the Combined Armed Forces Air Defense; with the Air Defense CSD's of the National People's Army of the German Democratic Republic and the Czechoslovak People's Army; with the SD's of the Antiaircraft Defense for the Group of Soviet Forces within the territories of the Polish People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic; with SD's of collaborating operational air defense large units of the Soviet Army; and with SD-1 and SD-2 KOPK; on the other hand, SD-1's and SD-2's will maintain communications between themselves and with the PLSD's and subordinate units.

5. In the Navy:

a. To be organized: Navy Command Posts No. 1 and No. 2 (SD-1 MW and SD-2 MW), and flotilla Command Posts No. 1 and No. 2 (SD-1 and SD-2 FOW--Coastal Defense Flotillas, and, during the operational deployment stage, also an SD-1 FO--Ship Flotilla*);

In the event of need in the Navy, an Auxiliary Command Post (PSD) is to be deployed temporarily out of the SD.

b. The structure of Naval command posts, from which command is to be exercised during a given period

*An SD FOW is deployed ashore. SD-1 FO functions ashore only during the stage of operational deployment. During hostilities the FO is absorbed, in the form of separate teams, into the Combined Baltic Fleet (ZFB) organization, and thereafter is subordinate to the ZFB command.

of time, should provide for the participation of representatives of the Baltic Fleet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the People's Navy of the German Democratic Republic;

c. Navy Command Posts Nos. 1 and 2 are to be supplied with wire and radio communications, with radio relay links in designated directions, both open and secure, and with direct and alternate channels between themselves; with commands of the Baltic Fleet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the People's Navy of the German Democratic Republic; with the Navy PSD; the SD-1, SD-2, and PSD of the Pomeranian Military District; with the front SD, the SD-1, and SD-2 of the 2nd KOPK; with the Flotilla SD's; and with subordinate units.

6. The command system in the operational forces is to be organized in compliance with the "General Organizational Principles for Command Posts and Communications of the Combined Armed Forces of Member States of the Warsaw Pact" and with staff combat and field service regulations. In addition, during the process of troop deployment, front command installations are to detach an Operational Group to the Ministry of National Defense Command Post and are to form, should this be necessary, an Auxiliary Command Post from their available personnel and facilities.

FOUR

1. The wartime command system is to be activated in advance of the deployment of forces on the basis of a decision by the Minister of National Defense, or, on his authority, by the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces. The system is to be activated either at a staggered pace, responsive to the unfolding of events, through the progressive selective activation of its separate components OF under procedures for a condition of alert.

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The National Air Defense Forces are to maintain, in peacetime, a deployed and active command system consisting of a CSD WOPK, of Corps SD-1's, and of Joint Command Posts (PLSD's).

2. In the staggered wartime command system deployment the following is to be provided for:

a. Under conditions of constant combat readiness, during a period of increasing tension in the international situation:

- In the national territorial defense forces: reinforcement of the operational alert duty services; inspection of the active communications network; the activation of operational alert duty groups at all SD-1's and in designated central institutions of the Ministry of National Defense; initiating a state of readiness for teams assigned to direct the progression to higher levels of combat readiness and for the Central Group for Troop Movement Control; and performing other essential functions relevant to the missions of the institutions;

- In the operational forces: the activation of operational groups of front and armies' headquarters at their permanent deployment stations and the deployment of Forward Command Posts (WSD) of the front and the armies in standby zones.

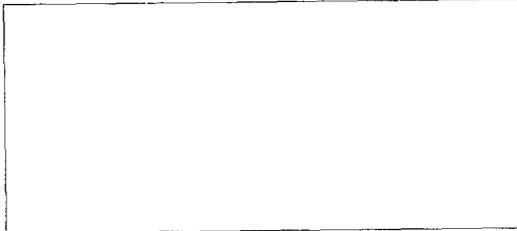
b. With the institution of an state of increased combat readiness in the armed forces:

- In the national territorial defense forces: partial deployment of SD-1's (50 percent of the staff); the deployment of operational groups at all SD-2's; the

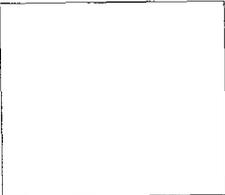
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activation of teams assigned to direct the progression to higher states of combat readiness and the Central Group for Troop Movement Control; and activation of radio facilities for reception duty;



- In the operational forces: the deployment of SD's and KSD's of the front and the armies in standby zones and the relocation of WSD's of the front and the armies to their primary areas (all within home territory), and the detailing of a front operational group to the SD-1 of the Ministry of National Defense.

c. With the institution of the state of full combat readiness in the armed forces:

- In the national territorial defense forces: the full deployment of all SD-1's and the deployment of SD-2's to an essential working level; the detailing of staff representatives (controlling officers) to the SD's of superior and collaborating commands; the change-over to the wartime communications system; and the attainment of full capability for command and the performance of wartime missions.

- In the operational forces: the redeployment of SD's and KSD's of the front and the armies to primary areas within home territory.

Measures prescribed for the deployment of the wartime command system, as they are related to the sum total or a part of the armed forces, may be carried out in anticipation of or subsequent to the requirements of the situation at the direction or with the consent of the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces.

During the stages of increased or full combat readiness, designated command installations of the operational forces may deploy beyond national boundaries at the direction of the Combined Armed Forces Command.

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3. In deploying the wartime command system under alert procedures in the event of a direct threat to national security or the outbreak of war, the simultaneous deployment of all SD-1's and SD-2's of central and operational levels, and of the WSD's, SD's, and KSD's of the front and the armies in primary areas within home territory is to be carried out with the use of advance parties of signal and support units and the employment of planes and helicopters for staff transfers. To exercise command in a situation of this urgency over a wider area, use is to be made of airborne elements of command.

4. The commitment and deployment of operational forces designated for action on the external front is to be directed by the Chief of the General Staff with the participation of the Front Staff Operational Group at the SD-1 of the Ministry of National Defense and through the Commanders of Military Districts, the Air Forces, and the Navy.

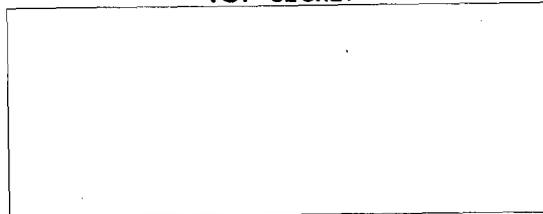
The commanders of military districts and of branches of the armed forces and the chiefs of Ministry of National Defense central institutions (for units under their subordination) are responsible for bringing tactical large units and independent units of operational and national territorial defense troops to the level of full combat readiness.

5. Commanders of the front, of combined arms armies, and of air armies are to take over command in the field system at a rate geared to progress in the movement to full combat readiness within subordinate units in alert areas, in temporary bivouac areas, on marches, or in intermediate areas of concentration.

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1. To the Chief of the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces:

- Parallel with the directive, an "Instruction on the Organization and Functions of the Wartime Command System" is to be issued, expanding the provisions of the directive and regularizing the questions of command support, and

- Essential changes growing out of the provisions of this document are to be reflected in the Minister of National Defense Directive No. 001/Operational on Combat Readiness in the Armed Forces of the Polish People's Republic.

2. This directive goes into effect as of 1 October 1975; after this date the documents losing their operating validity are: the Minister of National Defense Directive No. 0071/Operational, dated 16 December 1969; "The General Principles for the Organization, Deployment and Support of the Functions of the Wartime Command System on the Central Ministry of National Defense Level", and "The Main Premises for the Organization, Deployment, and Functions of the Wartime Command System at the Military District Level"; these documents are to be returned to the General Staff of the Armed Forces by 15 October 1975.

3. To the chiefs of Ministry of National Defense central institutions, and commanding officers of military districts and branches of the armed forces: the substance of this directive is to be made known exclusively to persons directly engaged in organizational-planning functions related to the wartime command system.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Wojciech Jaruzelski
General of the Army

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